



Caltrans Division of Research,
Innovation and System Information

The Pacific Southwest Region University Transportation Center

Fact Sheet

The Pacific Southwest Region University Transportation Center (UTC) was selected as the United States Department of Transportation (US DOT) Region 9 University Transportation Center (UTC) under the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act. This center will be housed in the Sol Price School of Public Policy at the University of Southern California.

Established in 2016, the Pacific Southwest Region UTC is led by the University of Southern California and includes seven partners: California State University, Long Beach, University of California, Davis, University of California, Irvine, University of California, Los Angeles, University of Hawaii, Northern Arizona University, and Pima Community College. The Pacific Southwest Region UTC will address the FAST Act research priority area of Improving Mobility of People and Goods.

The Pacific Southwest Region UTC was awarded a five-year grant totaling approximately \$13.4 million from the US DOT, authorized under the FAST Act. The funds are used for transportation research, workforce development, technology transfer and education.

The Pacific Southwest Region UTC conducts an integrated, multidisciplinary program of research, education and technology transfer aimed at improving the mobility of people and goods throughout the region. The Pacific Southwest Region UTC program is organized around four themes: 1) technology to address transportation problems and improve mobility; 2) improving mobility for vulnerable populations; 3) Improving resilience and protecting the environment; and 4) managing mobility in high growth areas.

The Pacific Southwest Region UTC supports research that addresses the unique combination of problems in the region, serves as a clearinghouse for curriculum to improve transportation education programs, addresses workforce development through targeted training, community college partnerships and professional development, and conducts a comprehensive, multimedia dissemination program.

Caltrans is providing 25% of the Pacific Southwest Region UTC's match requirement for FY 2017/18, and will provide at least 50% of the UTC's match requirement in future years.

Five Year Contract Term: June 1, 2018 – January 31, 2023